

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 5-7, 12, and 17-20. Please amend Claims 1, 8-11, and 13-16.

Please add new Claim 21. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1. (Currently Amended) A method of forming retroreflective sheeting comprising the steps of:
 - a) forming a first mold by forming a plurality of grooves in a body of mold material, the grooves intersecting at an angle to form an array of prisms formed into pairs of prisms, each prism comprising a base aperture and three intersecting lateral faces which meet at an apex, each of the lateral faces having a base edge which forms a portion of the perimeter of the base aperture and said base edge of each lateral face intersects the base edge of a contiguous lateral face to form a base point, wherein a first face of at least one prism in the array includes a first face first planar surface and a first face second planar surface, the first face first planar surface and the first face second planar surface being contiguous along an edge, the edge substantially parallel to the base edge of the first face, having a first end point and a second end point which forms at least a portion of a middle aperture, wherein the apex, the first end point, and a first base point are coplanar and form a continuous edge from the first base point to the apex;
 - b) forming a second mold in the first mold, the second mold comprising a negative prism array pattern;
 - c) forming said sheeting in said second mold; and
 - d) removing the sheeting from the second mold.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein a second face of the prism having the first face first planar surface and the first face second planar surface includes a second face first planar surface and a second face second planar surface.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, wherein a third face of the prism having the first face first planar surface and the first face second planar surface includes a third face first planar surface and a third face second planar surface.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein at least one base edge of the prisms includes a length between about 0.002 and 0.05 inches (0.0508 and 1.27 millimeters).
5. – 7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein the first face first planar surface and the first face second planar surface form a convex shape as viewed from the exterior of the prism.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein the first face first planar surface and the first face second planar surface form a concave shape as viewed from the exterior of the prism.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, further comprising providing a metalized layer on at least some of the lateral faces.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein the lateral faces are air-backed.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, further comprising forming the array of prisms in the first mold such that they are negatively canted.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 13, wherein the array of prisms in the first mold are canted between about negative one and negative fifteen degrees.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising forming the array of prisms in the first mold such that they are positively canted.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 15, wherein the array of prisms in the first mold are canted between about one and fifteen degrees.
17. – 20. (Canceled)
21. (New) A method for forming a master mold used to form retroreflective sheeting molds, comprising:
 - cutting a first plurality of parallel grooves in a surface of a substrate;
 - cutting a second plurality of parallel grooves in the surface of the substrate, the second plurality of parallel grooves oriented at an intersecting angle to the first plurality of parallel grooves; and
 - cutting a third plurality of parallel grooves in the surface of the substrate, the third plurality of parallel grooves oriented at intersecting angles to the first plurality of parallel grooves and the second plurality of parallel grooves such that the first plurality of intersecting grooves, the second plurality of intersecting grooves, and the third plurality of intersecting grooves intersect at angles to form an array of prisms formed into pairs of prisms, each prism comprising a base aperture and three intersecting lateral faces which meet at an apex, each of the lateral faces having a base edge which forms a portion of the perimeter of the base aperture and said base edge of each lateral face intersects the base edge of a contiguous lateral face to form a base point, wherein a first face of at least one prism in the array includes a first face first planar surface and a first face second planar surface, the first face first planar surface and the first face second planar surface being contiguous along an edge, the edge substantially parallel to the base edge of the first face, having a first end point and a second end point which forms at least a portion of a middle

aperture, wherein the apex, the first end point, and a first base point are coplanar and form a continuous edge from the first base point to the apex.